

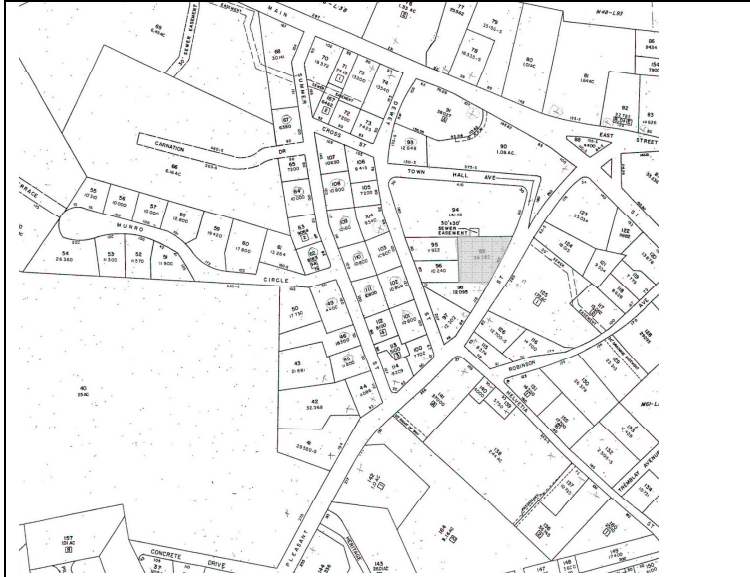
# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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**Town:**            Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
            Tewksbury Center

**Address:**            47 Pleasant Street

**Historic Name:**    First Congregational Church Parsonage

**Uses:** Present:    Vacant

                            Original:    Parsonage

**Date of Construction:**    1852

**Source:**            Patton's *Ask Now of the Days that are Past*.

**Style/Form:**            Greek Revival

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation:    Granite

Wall/Trim:       Vinyl Siding

Roof:              Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

**Major Alterations (*with dates*):**  
Barn and woodshed removed (20<sup>th</sup> century)

**Condition:**            Fair

**Moved:** no | X |    yes | |    **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:**              0.61 Acres

**Setting:**              Set near the street in a primarily residential area adjacent to the municipal buildings in the village center.

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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47 PLEASANT STREET

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The Greek Revival at 47 Pleasant Street is a rectangular two-and-a-half story dwelling on a granite foundation. A one story ell projects from the rear (north) of the dwelling. The side hall entrance is located on the eastern side of the front (south) façade. The replacement panel door is located under a multi-pane transom and flanked by sidelights. Simple flat pilasters support a projecting lintel above the entrance. The first floor windows have been replaced by large groups of casement windows, including a projecting bow window on the west elevation. On the second story fenestration is 1/1 replacement sash windows. A single original 6/6 wood sash window is located in the southern gable end. The walls of the dwelling are clad in vinyl siding. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A secondary entrance is located on the west façade in a projecting hip roof entry addition.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

The Town of Tewksbury held its first Town Meeting in January of 1735. That year the Town held Sunday services in the house of John French. In the autumn of 1736, the Town called its first minister and constructed its first meetinghouse. A second meetinghouse was dedicated in 1824, but destroyed by fire in 1918. The cornerstone of the extant church on East Street (TEW.08) was laid in 1922 and the church completed in 1928. In the early years of the church there was no associated parsonage. Rather each minister was given a settlement to build their own home and help from the community to construct it. The first minister, Reverend Sampson Spaulding, built his home on East Street (TEW.13) and the third minister, Rev Jacob Coggin, built his house at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets (TEW.02).

The parsonage was built for the fifth minister of the church c1852. Reverend Tolman served as pastor of the First Congregational Church from 1852-1870. He graduated from Dorchester Academy, Amherst College, and then Andover Seminary in 1844. He married Olivia Sweetser of Reading in 1845. Church Records indicate that the children of Reverend Richard Tolman were all born in the Parsonage. Rev. Tolman (1817-1894) had four sons and two daughters, the oldest daughter, Julia, was born in 1853. Rev Tolman died in 1894 and his wife died in 1925. Reverend Tolman and his family are buried in the old section of Tewksbury's Cemetery.

According to Patton the 1852 deed to the parsonage was recorded in 1859 in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds. The Parsonage was built on land owned by Henry Eaton and conveyed to the First Congregational Society. In 1891 the Society conveyed the parsonage to the Tewksbury Congregational Church. The Parsonage had two outbuildings: a barn and a woodshed where the pastors in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century kept a few animals as well as a sleigh and buggy they would use to visit their parishioners. The dwelling served as the church's parsonage until it was sold in 1972 to Thomas and Donna Ryan. The dwelling was converted to a two-family residence.

Ministers of the Congregational Church who resided in the Parsonage on Pleasant Street:

Rev Richard Tolman 1852-1870  
Rev Samuel Franklin French 1871-1882  
Rev Frank Hatch Kasson 1883-1886  
Rev James Alexander 1886-1896  
Rev Eldbridge Culter Whiting 1897-1899  
Rev John Herbert Yeoman 1899-1903

Rev Gordon S Kenison 1935-1942  
Rev Kenneth E McDaniel c1942  
Rev Hugo Alfred Bourdeau 1946-1952  
Rev Harry Pierce 1952-1956  
Rev Carroll E Word 1956-1959  
Rev Thurston Powell 1959-

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Rev William J Minchin 1903-1906

Rev Thomas Langdale 1906-1908

Rev Sarah Ann Dixon 1909-1917

Rev Henry B Mason 1918- 1926 served during fire at the church in 1918

Rev John Cummings 1927-1935.

Rev Cummings also served as chaplain at Tewksbury State Hospital for eight years. In WWI & WWII he served in the Medical Corps (WW I) and Chaplain Corps (WW II).

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